

**United States Court of Appeals
for the Armed Forces
Washington, D.C.**

In Re:

**COURT OPERATING STATUS
IN VIEW OF COVID-19**

NOTICE AND ORDER

Per the Court's standing guidance, if the Office of Personnel Management (<http://www.opm.gov>) announces that federal offices in the Washington, DC, area are closed, the Court will also be closed. In that eventuality, pleadings due on any closure days will be considered timely if filed on the next day the Court is open.

Specifically in view of public health concerns and the current COVID-19 pandemic, if federal offices in Washington remain open, by order of the Chief Judge, the following guidance and order pertains:

The hearings scheduled for 16 and 17 March, 2020, will be held as scheduled. In accordance with our constitutional obligation to maintain open courts, the Court will not, absent exceptional circumstances, prevent anyone from entering the hearing. With that said, individuals who do not have a professional need to be present are requested to seriously consider whether the public interest would be better served by remaining away from the hearings. Consistent with past practice, and absent any unforeseen technical difficulty, the audio recording of these hearings will be posted to the Court's website the same day.

For the Court,

/s/ Joseph R. Perlak
Clerk of the Court

March 13, 2020